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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Town of Grafton Planning Board
FROM: Fiona Coughlan, Town Planner
CC: Natalia Alward, Planning Assistant (via email)
DATE: January 3, 2023
SUBJECT: Zoning Bylaw Modifications for Parking in the VMU Districts and Grafton Common

This memorandum has been prepared as part of the meeting materials for the January 9, 2023, Planning Board meeting. It serves as an introduction to potential zoning bylaw changes for parking in the VMU districts and more specifically, Grafton Common.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Town Planner spoke with the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer on multiple occasions about challenges associated with the current parking layout in the Village Mixed-Use Districts, particularly off-street parking requirements for 2+ bedroom units in multifamily developments. There are also ongoing issues with the parking layout in the Grafton Common. The current configuration does not work and is underserving the area, as reported by Zoning Enforcement Officer, the prior Town Planner, and other relevant parties. The issue was on the prior Town Meeting warrant but was unsuccessful at Town Meeting. Staff wish to readdress the issue at the next Town Meeting in May 2023

The Town Planner respectfully requests that the Board allow the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Robert Berger, to discuss these issues at the January 9, 2023, meeting so we can begin to evaluate updating the bylaw by the necessary deadlines.

Thank you.

Fiona Coughlan